

HUT GOSSIP

Quarterly publication of Parkyn Hut Information Centre



Noosa Alive Festival 2018

@0-29 July 2018

Where: Around Noosa

Price: Various + free

Email: info@noosalongweekend.com

Website: www.noosaalive.com.au



Sunshine Coastrek 2018

When: Friday 27 July 2018

Where: Sunshine Coast, Noosa region

Website: sunshine.coastrek.com.au



Noosa Open Studios

When: 17-26 August 2018

Price: Free

Where: Throughout Noosa region

Website: www.noosaopenstudios.com.au

President's Bit

Hip Hip Hooray ... what a fantastic day we all had celebrating Parkyn's Hut's 17th birthday and the 21st anniversary of the Tewanin Heritage & Historical Society.

It was lovely to have some invited guests join us, especially Don McBryde and his lovely wife Robyn who have been incredibly generous to this organisation over the years.

Also, it was great to have all the organisations' previous Presidents on board and some of our founding members, of which Frank Pardon was one. Luckily for us, he was on holiday and able to attend. (I'm sort of glad now that it was a Council Committee meeting on that day as it made it all more personal and a little less stressful for me!)



It was great to see all the vollies and guests mixing and enjoying the beautiful surroundings.

Thanks to everyone who brought a plate of yumminess and to all my fantastic helpers on the day - what a great team effort!

If anyone took photos on the day could you please email them to the Hut, so somebody a lot cleverer than myself can maybe put them scrolling on the computer screen at the Hut.

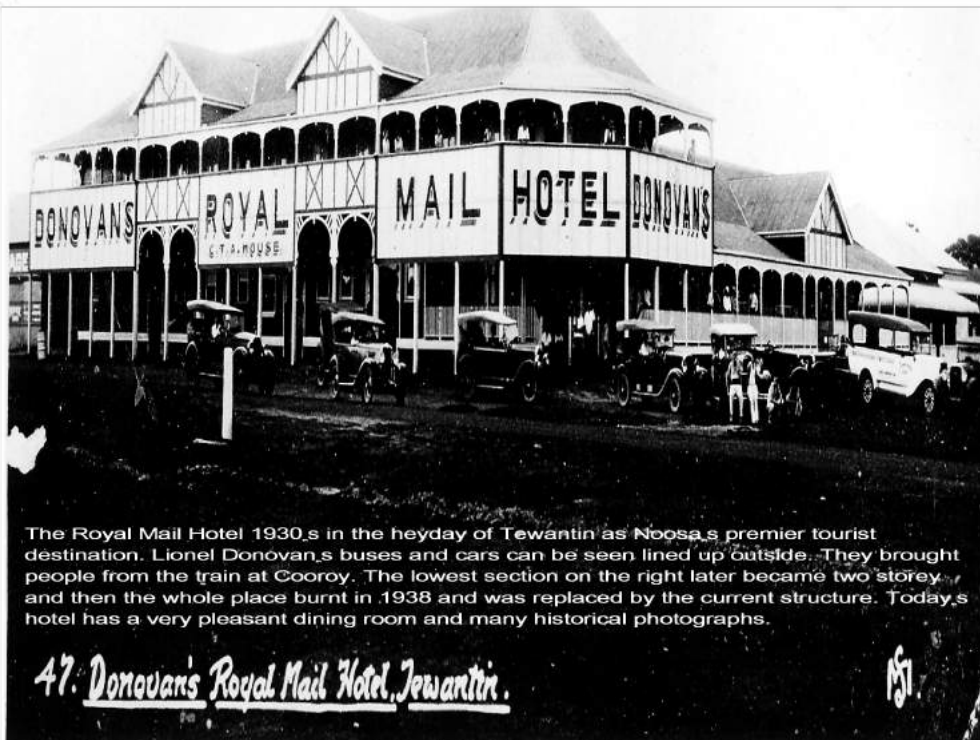
Congratulations to everyone who received an Award on the day and once again thank you all for your dedication and service to Parkyn's Hut over the years. We hope you enjoy your rewards.

The generosity of local businesses was wonderful so please don't forget to thank and support them. And a big "thank you" to all of the wonderful vollies for your thoughtfulness and kindness - I loved my card - can't wait to drink the wine and to use my pamper voucher.

I was also totally honoured to have a Life Membership bestowed upon me, made even more special by the fact that I was sharing such a special event with my dear friend, Olive Donaldson. I could feel George smiling down on us. As most of you know, my passion for what we do at the Hut and also for keeping the history of our area alive is as strong as ever. On that note, currently a group of us are meeting to put together our version of the Heritage Walk for the Noosa Alive Festival. Thanks to all those who have volunteered to help out on that day, I am really grateful for your support. We hope to do a trial run before the day so will need a few vollies to be the crash test dummies! Will let you know when.

... Gail McBurney
(President)

Did you know?



The Royal Mail Hotel 1930s in the heyday of Tewantin as Noosa's premier tourist destination. Lionel Donovan's buses and cars can be seen lined up outside. They brought people from the train at Cooroy. The lowest section on the right later became two storey and then the whole place burnt in 1938 and was replaced by the current structure. Today's hotel has a very pleasant dining room and many historical photographs.

47. Donovan's Royal Mail Hotel, Tewantin.

We are on the eve of a very important epoch; one, I hope, that will figure in the future history of our unassuming township to its aggrandisement. An enterprising firm in Brisbane, in connection with a Gympie firm, have determined on a site for their new saw-mill, a work which has been long and anxiously looked for by the people of Tewantin. It will infuse a spirit of enterprise into the place, and be instrumental in driving out that chronic lethargy

which had taken hold of every individual, and acted contagiously on every industry...Tewantin is at last showing what can be done, and how important it ought to appear in the eyes of the metropolis.

An 'occasional correspondent', who often posted his opinions on social and political matters in the *Gympie Times and Mary River Gazette*, commented in January 1879 that the new saw mill was nearing completion and when finished, he hoped that it would 'give things here a more lively aspect'. His opinion seems to be in agreement with the earlier article in the *Queenslander*.

In the same issue, the correspondent offered his opinion on another township survey at the 'south head'. This is what he had to say

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Tales about early Tewantin

Tewantin was founded on 23 August, 1870. Clarendon Stuart surveyed the town site for Tewantin settlement in 1871. In September 1871, plots of land were up for sale at the Police Office in Gympie for eight pounds each plot. The census of 1871 revealed that on the 'River Newsa' at Tewantin there were two dwellings housing two male settlers at that time.

Clarendon Stuart (1833-1912) was a talented man. He became a draughtsman, artist, painter, schoolmaster, clerk, surveyor and gold commissioner. He conducted many early surveys including those for Rockhampton, Port Curtis (Gladstone), Townsville, Burdekin, Bowen and Gympie areas. Stuart's survey plans were frequently decorated with detailed drawings of the places he was

surveying, and often included Aboriginal groups. On Stuart's Plan of the Town of Bowen, Port Denison, District of Kennedy 1861, there is a vignette of Port Denison's landmark features and four silhouetted Aborigine figures hunting in the foreground. Most interestingly for Tewantin's heritage is Stuart's elaborate drawing Landing Place Noosa River (July 1870). He was awarded a certificate of merit for his watercolour of the Noosa area, which was displayed at the Gympie Exhibition in 1874.

By 1878 plans for the expansion of industry in the Tewantin area was fast becoming a reality. The *Queenslander (Brisbane)* presented an article full of hope for the town.

Tales about early Tewantin

I heard that a new township was being surveyed at the south head, and on visiting the spot, must confess that I never thought that any Government could be so easily gulled as to listen to such a proposal. Why it is on the original old bed and entrance to the river, and the exact spot Mr Pettigrew pointed out years ago as the only channel that could be made that could be kept open.

Only fancy living in one of these fine sea-side residences on a stormy night, wind about north-east and a strong fresh in the river, and waking

up and finding a ten knot current running between you and your next neighbour, with no boat at hand...

The Tewantin correspondent had many comments to make about numerous issues. Nevertheless, the early days in Tewantin might have been challenging times for some before becoming more settled. It was reported in local newspapers and further afield that over the Christmas/New Year period of 1872/3, there was plenty of fighting, drunkenness and debauchery in Tewantin with locals involved.

Articles appeared in various newspapers with comments going as far as to call the 'embryonic township' of Tewantin 'a hell hole', and 'a little hell upon earth'. The comments arose from the original report told to the *Wide Bay and Burnett News* in January 1873. Different headings appeared in numerous newspapers. One heading, which could possibly suggest bias, was 'The Difficulties of Missionary Labours in the Unsettled Districts'. The articles make interesting reading.

... Jan King
Historian

¹ National Library Biographies. Full entry *Design and Art Australia Online*. Writer Kitson, W. S., 1992, updated 2011.

² *Queenslander* (Brisbane), 16 November, 1878, p.199, *Tewantin*.

³ *Gympie Times and Mary River Mining Gazette*, 8 January, 1879, p.3, 'Tewantin. (By an Occasional Correspondent)'

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⁵ *Wide Bay and Burnett News*, 16 January 1873; *Sydney Morning Herald*, 14 January 1873 'The Difficulties of Missionary Labours in the Unsettled Districts'; *Brisbane Courier*, 11 January 1873; *Geelong Advertiser*, 18 January 1873 and other newspapers



Snap Send Solve

Snap Send Solve is a free app that can be used to alert Council of issues in the community such as potholes, illegal dumping, overflowing bins, etc.

The app is free and available from the Apple Store or Google's Play Store. Simply search for the Snap Send Solve app and follow the prompts to download onto your mobile device.

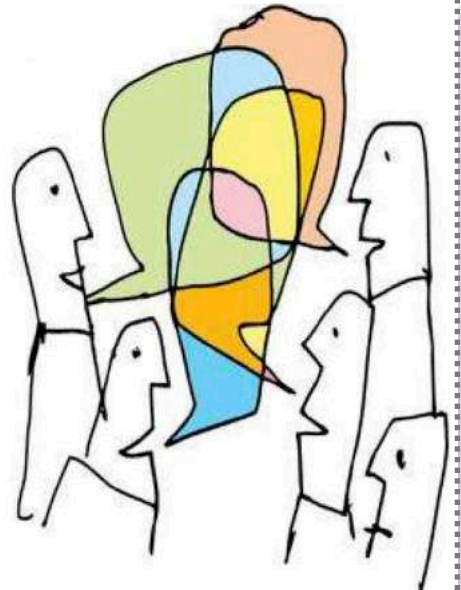
Read the step by step guide on [how to use the Snap Send Solve app \[650KB\]](#). For more information go to the [Snap Send Solve website](#).

From the Training Dept

Vollies

When on roster and your Buddy is in discussion with a Visitor, please refrain from interjecting or speaking over the conversation.

If you have something to add, kindly wait until the conversation is nearing completion and add your comments.



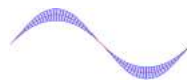
Fire Safety Training Session

Another very informative Fire Safety session was attended by a group of Vollies in May. The session was conducted at the Tewantin SES facility where there is an opportunity for hands on experience with a fire extinguisher

Trainer Russel from North Coast Fire Services showed a short video which brought to our attention the speed with which a fire can take hold. It was then outside to the apron where Vollies had the experience of extinguishing a fire using a fire blanket. Russel had a number of different extinguishers available for demonstration and Vollies were encouraged to 'have a go'.

The session was concluded with morning tea and all who attended commented that it was definitely time well spent.

Question.....Where is the Fire Extinguisher in The Hut



Gentle Thoughts for Today and Any Day

Birds of a feather flock together ... and then shit on your car.

A penny saved is a government oversight.

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement .

Did you ever notice:When you put the 2 words 'The' and 'IRS' together it spells 'Theirs'.

When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth, think of Algebra.

FAMILIARISATION TOUR TO AUSTRALIA ZOO

Monday, 14 May 2018

At 8:30am on a cool but beautiful sunny morning, seventeen intrepid vollies boarded an RSL bus driven by Peter to travel to Australia Zoo, a trip of about one hour.

On arrival, we disembarked at the Animal Hospital, and were greeted by Gaynor and Lyn as our guides for the morning. We were given an introduction to the facilities at the hospital; most of the extensive medical equipment had been donated by various hospitals, and modified for veterinary purposes. There were few animals in there at that time, but apparently it can get very busy indeed. As a rough guide, we were told that to treat a sick koala back to health cost around \$70,000. There was also a sad display of objects removed from sea-birds and other marine animals.

We then began our tour of the actual Zoo, passing initially by a tame echidna, which was actually quite soft to touch. We were also shown a blue-tongue lizard and a beautiful blue macaw, also very tame. We were heading to the Shuttle Bus to go to the Africa exhibit, passing by a large enclosure containing several huge Galapagos Tortoises, happily, but very slowly, munching on green vegetables. We also passed a very large model of an ancient crocodile, some 10 metres long.

Passing by the alligators (hiding amongst trees), we found a collection of iguanas basking in the sun on our way to catching the shuttle train which took us to the Africa exhibit. To a background of African rhythms played from hidden speakers all over the Africa area, we saw giraffes, zebras and southern white rhinoceroses.

We were spellbound by the smallest animals in that area: meerkats. Everyone loves these cute little animals! There is also a handy jungle restaurant in a big tent.

We then headed off to Bindi's Island to see the lemurs and macaws.

It was time to head off to the Crocosaureum for the midday show. We passed through the tiger exhibit, with several beautiful specimens safely behind glass. We also saw some red pandas and then proceeded through a large open area containing many extremely lazy kangaroos who couldn't even be bothered standing up to get fed.

At the Crocosaureum, we were treated to displays by red-tailed black cockatoos, sulphur crested cockatoos, a black-necked crane (Jabiru), a condor and a cormorant prior to the main event - the feeding of a large crocodile. We learned about how the crocodile stalks its prey, and how the projections on its back produce no ripples on the surface when it is hunting in muddy waters. A very sad dead chicken was to become its lunch. All nail-biting stuff, although a rather brave (or very stupid) egret was standing next to the crocodile!

After this 40-minute show, we were treated to a lovely buffet lunch in the restaurant at the Crocosaureum. Our very helpful guides, Gaynor and Lyn, left us then to our own devices to spend time to look at other exhibits at the Zoo, as our bus was not leaving for another two hours.

Most of us headed off initially to see the koalas (and weren't

disappointed), while some went back to the tiger enclosure for the display with their keepers. It was apparently worth seeing, too.

Others went exploring the bird enclosures, the venomous snake house, Tasmanian devils, dingoes, wombats, cassowaries and other animals. We noticed several displays of huge dinosaurs throughout the Zoo, and free roundabout rides for kids. Camel rides were also provided for a fee.

There was free fresh water to refill your own bottle available throughout the Zoo, and small kiosks were strategically placed in different locations.

One full day is hardly enough to fully explore it all. Thanks to our step-counter we know that we did nearly 13,000 steps equating to about 9 km! No wonder we were tired (but happy)! What a wonderful day! Thank you, Davina, for organising this trip, and thanks to Parkyn's Hut for sponsoring such an enjoyable day.

... Some constructive feedback for Australia Zoo:

- Many of us found the loudspeakers in both the shuttle train and in the Crocosaureum were way too loud.
- It was felt that it would be better for the environment and the Zoo's image for the shuttle train to be electrically powered.

Overall, the Zoo presents very well, and is a real asset to the Sunshine Coast and to Australia overall.

... Helga Thiermann
and Bill Barry



Parkyn Hut Australia Zoo Famil - Monday 14 May, 2018

You may have already seen lots of photos of this event up on the wall at the Hut.



Vollies line up with Cameron the croc



Meerkat cat family



Happy vollies

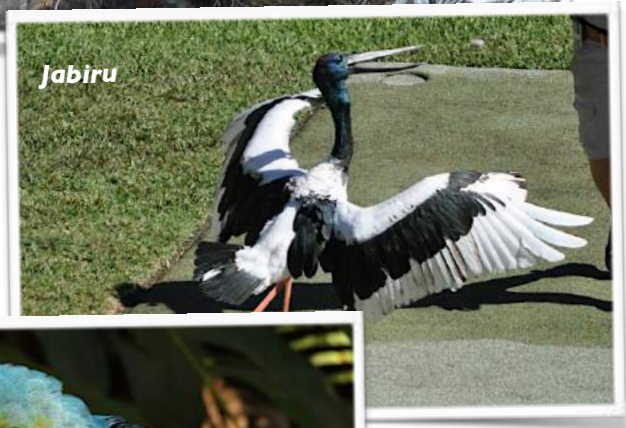


Bengal Tiger

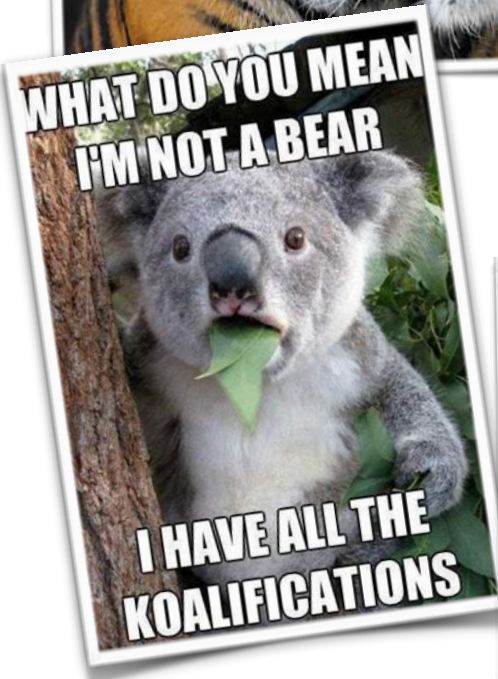
River fishing tours



Red Panda



Jabiru



Parrot

Tewantin Heritage & Historical Society

21st Anniversary and Parkyn Hut

17th Birthday Celebrations

On Tuesday, 12th June, thanks to the generosity of the owners of the Noosa Ferry, members and invited guests cruised the Noosa River while enjoying an exuberant celebration of the 21st anniversary of the formation of the Tewantin Heritage & Historical Society,

The Society was formed by passionate local residents and interested Councillors with a view to preserving the history of the Tewantin area. During its lifetime the Society has been involved in local events and has for many years conducted an Historical Walk through Tewantin as part of the annual Noosa Alive Festival.

With the assistance of Noosa Council, the Society was able to obtain the hut belonging to Howard Parkyn which was relocated to its current prominent location in central

Tewantin, thus creating a home for the Heritage group and where an Information Centre was established a few years later.

This celebration was scheduled to coincide with the 17th anniversary of the official opening of the Hut in 2001. Local Councillor and founding member of the Society, Frank Pardon, was present along with Council Heritage Librarian, Jane Harding, as well as past Presidents and over 50 current volunteers of the Parkyn Hut Information Centre.

During the festivities, Hon Life Membership was bestowed upon founding members, current President Gail McBurney and Olive Donaldson. Celebratory cakes were cut accompanied by loud cheers and acclamation!



*Left to Right
Gail McBurney, Janet King,
June Colley, Frank Pardon,
Olive Donaldson,
Bev Menkens*

*Hon. Life Membership recipients
Gail McBurney and Olive Donaldson*



Calendar of Major Events Noosa 2018

JULY

20 - 29 July
Noosa Alive!

22 July
King of the Mountain Festival

AUGUST

11 - 12 August
Noosa Strade Bianche

17 - 26 August
Noosa Open Studios

26 August
Noosa Classic

SEPTEMBER

24 August - 2 September
Noosa Jazz Party

OCTOBER

4 - 7 October
Noosa Surf Film Festival
11 - 14 October
Noosa International 7's Rugby

13 - 14 October
Wild Women Adventure Race

25 - 28 October
Noosa International Film Festival

NOVEMBER

31 October - 4 November
Noosa Triathlon Multi Sport Festival

10 - 17 November
Noosa Festival of Motoring

DECEMBER

11 December
Noosa Golf Club Legends Pro-Am

31 December
New Year's Eve Fireworks in Noosa

Sunshine Coast 2018 Festival Fun

July – [Queensland Garden Expo](#) is on again at the Nambour Showgrounds for the green thumbs.

August - With 10 arts-fuelled days to connect, disrupt and delight through arts, culture and creativity throughout the Sunshine Coast, make sure you subscribe to the [Horizon Festival](#) to stay up to date with announcements.

September - This year the [Caloundra Music Festival](#) falls in the middle of the school holidays, so make sure you plan around that. [Applications](#) are currently open for artists, sponsors, and even an internship.



Deaf Wife

submitted by Richard Carter

A man feared his wife wasn't hearing as well as she used to and he thought she might need a hearing aid. Not quite sure how to approach her, he called the family Doctor to discuss the problem. The Doctor told him there is a simple informal test the husband could perform to give the Doctor a better idea about her hearing loss.

"Here's what you do," he said, "stand about 30 feet away from her and, in a normal conversational speaking tone, ask if she hears you. If not go to 30 feet, then 20 feet and so on until you get a response.

That evening the wife is in the kitchen cooking dinner and he was in the den. He says to himself, "I'm about 40 feet away, let's see what happens." Then in a normal tone he asks, "Honey, what is for dinner?" No response.

So the husband moves closer to the kitchen, about 30 feet from his wife and repeats, "Honey, what's for dinner?" Still no response.

Next he moves into the dining room where he is about 20 feet from his wife and asks, "Honey, what's for dinner?" Again he got no response.

So he walks up to the kitchen door about 10 feet away, "Honey, what's for dinner?" Again no response. So he walks right up behind her. "Honey, what's for dinner?"

"Ralph, for the FIFTH time, CHICKEN!"



**Parkyn's Hut Vollies celebrated
Volunteers' Day with Tourism Noosa
at Noosa Yacht and Rowing Club**

We had a great time at our National Volunteer Week breakfast in May, hosted by Tourism Noosa. Damian Massingham took time out of his busy schedule to welcome vollies from Hastings Street Information Centre, the Marina and Tewantin (Parkyn Hut) to the event.

He expressed his appreciation of the service provided and recognised the valuable contribution our hardworking volunteer community makes to visitors' experience as the Information Centres are often their first point of contact.

The setting overlooking the Noosa River was perfect and the breakfast provided by the Yacht Club could not be faulted. A glass or three of bubbly, juice or coffee got the day off to a great start !!





ROSTER PROTOCOL

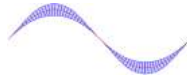
Please remember if you remove yourself from the roster, and you've been unable to arrange a replacement, **you must send me a message**

Either phone 5474 0096 or txt 0417 079 144 or email gdrossiter@bigpond.com

I'm not in the Hut every day, so to ensure we have VOLLIES to cover, I need this info.

Many thanks for your ongoing support and enthusiasm for our Visitor Centre

... Davina/Roster Person



THE BACK NINE ... and then it is Winter

You know ... time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams.

But, here it is... the back nine of my life and it catches me by surprise!

How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that I was only on the first hole and the back nine was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting grey...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me...but, I see the great change....Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd become.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so...now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!! But, at least I know, that though I'm on the back nine, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...it's over. Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done...things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not on the back nine yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether you're on the back nine or not!

You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life....so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.

**LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY!
DO SOMETHING FUN!
BE HAPPY!**

Remember "It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver".

LASTLY, CONSIDER THIS:

~Your kids are becoming you.....but your grandchildren are perfect!

~Going out is good.. Coming home is better!

~You forget names.... But it's OK because some people forgot they even knew you!!!

~You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV 'ON' than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep"

~You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch.

~You tend to use more 4 letter words ... "what?"..."when?" ... ???

~You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless"!!!!

~What used to be freckles are now liver spots.

~Everybody whispers.

~~~But Old is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!!

Stay well, "OLD FRIEND!"  
Share this with other "Old Friends!" and let them laugh in AGREEMENT!!!

*It's Not What You Gather, But  
What You Scatter That Tells  
What Kind Of Life You  
Have Lived.*